

**DETERMINATION OF NON-SIGNIFICANCE
AND ADOPTION OF EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS
(Phased Review)
CPA 244/10**

Description of current proposal:

CPA 244/10, the 2010 Freeland Subarea Plan update, is an update to the 2007 Freeland Sub Area Plan [sic] which brings the total Freeland Subarea Plan into consistency with the Growth Management Act for comprehensive plans. This proposal updates the land use element and creates the remaining comprehensive plan elements; which address housing, utilities, transportation, capital facilities, economic development, and parks and recreation.

Proponent:

Island County

Location of current proposal:

Freeland Non-Municipal Urban Growth Area within unincorporated Island County.

Title and date of documents being adopted or referenced:

1. Freeland Sub Area Plan Final Environmental Impact Statement, November 2007.
2. Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan, September 1998.

Description of documents (or portion) being adopted or referenced:

1. The FEIS for the Freeland Subarea Plan evaluated significant adverse environmental impacts and alternatives related to the designation of the Freeland as a Non-Municipal Urban Growth Area (NMUGA) and adoption of the Freeland Subarea Plan.
2. The FEIS for the Island County GMA Comprehensive Plan evaluated significant adverse environmental impacts and alternatives related to the adoption of a revised Comprehensive Plan and implementing Development Regulations.

If the document being adopted has been challenged (WAC 197-11-630), please describe:

There are no outstanding challenges to these documents. The existing Freeland Sub Area Plan (adopted on December 10, 2007) was appealed by a Freeland resident to the Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board. This appeal was denied by the Growth Management Hearings Board on September 29, 2009.

The document is available to be read at (place/time):

Island County Department of Planning and Community Development, Island County Courthouse, 6th and Main Streets, Coupeville, WA 98239

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that this amendment does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a

completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2) and WAC 197-11-350. Comments must be submitted by December 22, 2010. Following the close of the comment period the lead agency will evaluate public comments which will be evaluated for the purposes of retaining, revising or withdrawing the DNS. The agency will notify parties of record of the decision to retain, revise or withdraw the DNS by December 29, 2010. Pursuant to ICC 16.19.190.B.2 a SEPA threshold determination issued for a Type IV legislative action that is initiated pursuant to Chapter 36.70A RCW may be appealed to the Hearing Examiner within 14 days following completion of the public comment period (January 5, 2011). An appeal shall be accompanied by written statement of appeal and the \$1,802.50 fee. Appeals may be filed by a County Department or any aggrieved person. A more comprehensive statement of appeal setting forth in detail alleged errors and/or the basis for appeal must be submitted by the appealing person or Department within 30 days following completion of the public comment period (January 21, 2011), or the appeal is not properly filed and will be dismissed by the Hearing Examiner.

We have identified and adopted these documents as being appropriate for this proposal after independent review. The document meets our environmental review needs for the current proposal and will accompany the proposal to the decision maker.

Name of agency adopting document: Island County Planning and Community Development

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